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Yellow fever at Santa Clara Barracks.

[Telegram.]

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, May 26, 1900.

Commanding officer at Santa Clara Barracks wires that there are 5 cases with 3 deaths among troops at barracks. He considers trouble is well in hand and will be controlled.

Respectfully,
The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

TROTTER.

Report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, May 21, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the report of the sanitary condition of this port for the week ended May 19, 1900.

The general health of the city continues fair. There has been a great deal of rainfall the past week, but not the ordinary tropical showers of the rainy season, followed by a hot sun; rather the long-continued cold rain of the September cyclone. It has flushed what sewers we have and cleaned the streets.

The work of the station has been progressing as usual. The *Newlyn*, arriving from Tortugas last week, proceeded to Mariel to unload her Havana cargo under the precautions given in my first letter. She will probably clear for New York to-morrow.

The steamship *Olivette*, of the Plant Line, on account of a serious accident, was compelled to go on the floating dock here last week, and was disinfected after leaving it before being allowed to continue. I kept guards aboard and allowed no unnecessary communication with the vessel; still it seemed wisest to disinfect her before leaving.

A very large number of Americans left on the *Sedgwick* this week—several hundred—many of them, however, not from Havana but from outlying parts of the island.

The reports I receive from Vera Cruz, 10 deaths from yellow fever in one week, have induced me to require the same restrictions from that port as last year, *i. e.*, (1) that nonimmune passengers for Havana coming from Vera Cruz go aboard the vessel at mooring in the harbor long enough to be five days en route to this port, the date of going aboard being certified by Acting Assistant Surgeon Hodgson; (2) that all baggage from Vera Cruz be disinfected, if it can be done under Hodgson's supervision, at Vera Cruz; if not, here; (3) that household goods be prohibited; that passenger vessels lie at mooring at Vera Cruz.

No restrictions are put on baggage of passengers passing through Vera Cruz en route from health places. I have written to the New York health officer and will doubtless impose the same restrictions on baggage from Vera Cruz for New York as that to Havana, *i. e.*, disinfect at Vera Cruz, if it can certainly be done efficiently, else take it off and disinfect here. We have about three passenger vessels from that port a week.

The Spanish trans-Atlantic steamers now on will come and go via New York, adding a certain amount to our work in the passenger department, but on the other hand almost insuring us against getting any more smallpox from Corunna.

Respectfully,

H. R. CARTER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Report for week ending May 19, 1900.

INSPECTION OF PASSENGERS.

Number of passengers inspected	586
Number of passengers vaccinated.....	50

OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.

Vessels inspected and cleared.....	20
Vessels inspected and entered.....	15
Immigrants inspected	167
Vessels disinfected for the United States.....	4
Viveros disinfected.....	12
Pieces of baggage disinfected for passengers	236

Mortuary report for week ended May 16, 1900.

Bronchitis.....	7
Beriberi.....	1
Enteritis.....	14
Typhoid fever	1
Pernicious malarial fever	4
Meningitis.....	9
Malaria.....	3
Pneumonia.....	7
Tuberculosis.....	16
Total deaths from all causes.....	111

Report from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.

MATANZAS, CUBA, May 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following sanitary report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended May 12, 1900:

Matanzas.—Fifteen deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 17.36 per thousand. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 5; pneumonia, 2; tetanus, 2; heart disease, 1; enteritis, 1; meningitis, 1; other causes, 3. The following cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported: Diphtheria, 1, typhoid fever, 1. Eight foreign vessels and 3 coasting vessels arrived during the week. Seven of these were inspected and passed and 4 passed without inspection. The American steamship *Laura*, bound for Key West, Fla., and the German steamship *Pionier*, bound for Mobile, Ala., were disinfected at this port. Nine bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 1 certificate of inspection to coasting vessel. Forty-five health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island by the German steamship *Curityba* and the U. S. transport *Burnside*; 1 of these via Havana. Thirty-two pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 57 bundles of clothes and bedding were disinfected; 38 of these belonging to the steamship *Pionier* and 19 to the steamship *Laura*. The weather during the week has been warm, with some rain.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that during the week 10 deaths occurred in Cardenas. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Enteritis, 3; tuberculosis, 2; malaria, 1; other causes, 4. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Fourteen vessels were inspected on arrival. Seven of these were foreign vessels and 7 coasting vessels. Seven bills of health were issued to foreign vessels.